

## About the application

Application number: 2025/93572	
What is the application for?:	Outline application with all matters reserved, bar vehicle access into the site,
Address of the site or building:	Land South of, Barnsley Road, Upper Cumberworth, Huddersfield, HD8 8NN
Postcode:	

## User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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<p>The proposals relate to land located within the protected Green Belt, are at odds with the sites designation in the adopted 'Local Plan' and are in a position and of a scale that would completely change the character of the village and place significant burden on the existing transport network and village amenities.</p> <p>-Inappropriate Development of the Protected Green Belt: The site is located within the protected Green Belt and was previously identified as an area of high landscape value by the local authority. It is unallocated and is not earmarked for housing or any other form of development.</p> <p>-Kirklees policy states that the new housing provision will be concentrated in the urban areas of Huddersfield and Dewsbury. No requirement for additional housing has been identified in the Upper Cumberworth area.</p> <p>-Inappropriate scale: The development is for up to 123 homes. This will have a major impact upon the existing village its amenities and its rural setting. A survey carried out in 2024 suggested that Upper Cumberworth had around 1000 residents. The schedule of accommodation provided with the proposed housing application suggests that it could accommodate between 450-490 residents. This represents an increase in the village's population of nearly 50% with potentially 250+ vehicles using the site.</p> <p>-Loss of Habitat /Biodiversity: The site sits in a prominent position at the edge of the village. It's an attractive area of arable land interspersed with a number of mature trees and bounded by wild flowers. The open nature of the site allows views across to the adjacent protected woodland and fields beyond. To the south the site is also clearly visible from the A629 Penistone Road at Birdsedge approximately a 1.5 km away.</p> <p>Increased Flood Risk: Although the site is positioned on high ground and is not at risk of flooding from rivers, it is currently arable land planted with cereal crops that under most conditions will absorb a significant proportion of rainfall. The proposed development will result in a substantial proportion of the land being covered in non-porous surfaces that will increase the impact of rainwater run off on the site and the</p>	

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Increased traffic movements: Barnsley Road is a busy commuter route. The road is used by heavy goods vehicles coming from the motorway, regular emergency vehicle movements and vehicles associated with the various quarries in the local area. The surrounding roads are generally narrow and frequented by farm vehicles often towing trailers and farming equipment.

Poor Public Transport Connections: Limited public transport serves the village. Buses travel to Huddersfield once every 2 hrs Monday to Saturday finishing shortly after 6:30pm with no service provided on Sundays.

In Conclusion: The proposals relate to land located within the protected Green Belt, are at odds with the sites designation in the adopted 'Local Plan' and are in a position and of a scale that would completely change the character of the village and place significant burden on the existing transport network and village amenities.